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Dear Ms. Wright:

RE: State of Wisconsin: Help America Vote Act Annual Report for Federal Fiscal Year 2014

In Wisconsin, elections are administered at the state level by the Government Accountability Board (G.A.B.), but are conducted at the local level by 1,924 local elections officials covering 72 counties and 1,852 municipalities. During FFY-2014, there were three state-level elections. During this time Wisconsin used approximately 2,573 polling places.

Municipal clerks in Wisconsin's 1,852 towns, villages and cities, and the Board of Election Commissioners in the City of Milwaukee, are responsible for establishing polling places, acquiring voting equipment, recruiting and training poll workers, maintaining voter lists, administering absentee voting and supervising the conduct of elections on Election Day. The Government Accountability Board is responsible for the administrative oversight of elections laws (Federal and State) including establishing uniform standards and training local election officials, including poll workers.

The attachments included with this correspondence summarize how the State of Wisconsin used the funds received under HAVA § 261 to satisfy the four mandate areas of: Accessibility, Privacy and Independence, and Education, Training, and Information. Please see the attached narrative and financial reports for our detailed submission.

Please let us know if you have questions or if we can provide additional information. You may contact Richard Rydecki, Accessibility Coordinator, at Richard.Rydecki@wisconsin.gov, or at (608) 261-2015.

Sincerely,

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